

GRAHAM HOLDS OLSON ATTACK TO BE UNFAIR

Congressman Argues Democratic Opponent of Resigning to His Statements to Gain Votes.

Rock Island, Nov. 1.—Editor Argus: My attention has been called to an interview by my Democratic opponent, Andrew Olson, published in Saturday's Argus. The congressional campaign has thus far been conducted. I am, therefore, surprised at the interview, which is bristled with falsehoods and misleading statements as to the one to the belief that my opponent, despairing of his election as a legitimate way, is willing to use any means to be elected.

He speaks of Republicans in the war department during the war and mentions a few. He also calls attention to certain citizens of Moline who were connected with the war department, and seeks to produce the impression that my committee has reflected upon them. Has anyone ever heard of any such reflections by my committee? On the contrary, it has time and time again commended these men and others like them. We were interested only in those who were preying upon the public treasury, under the protection of the Wilson administration. I have been proud on many occasions in the house to publicly praise our public spirited and patriotic men who were giving their services to the country. But our war gruelers who were being defended by the Wilson administration and almost every Democrat in congress, are the men we were after. If my opponent should be elected he would doubtless vote with his Democratic colleagues to continue to protect them.

He speaks of a motion by Congressman Doremus, which he says I voted against. Doremus is the chairman of the Democratic national congressional committee and is probably the one who is financing Mr. Olson's campaign and I have no doubt he has been advising him what to say. The report he speaks of was one made by Congressman McKenzie's sub-committee of my committee and called attention of the attorney general to a mass of testimony the committee had taken on camps, and which gave the names of those guilty of criminal and fraudulent acts and the facts upon which the attorney general might prosecute. Doremus fought the report and in order to try to stop it offered the motion to remain, mentioned in my opponent's interview. It was merely an effort to stop the whole proceeding and on the vote every Democrat lined up in support of Doremus; anything to keep the country from knowing about the incompetence and fraud of the administration. If my opponent had been in congress, as a Democrat, he would, I presume, have voted to cover up and hide these things—all the rest of them did, and he himself in this interview defends the waste.

Criticism is voiced of my action in voting for the conference report on the railroad bill. I have been commended by W. G. Lee, president of the railroad brotherhoods, in a letter dated Dec. 22, 1919, for my attitude on this bill. The letter from Mr. Lee is in The Argus of Saturday. Does my opponent know more about this than Mr. Lee? The railroad conference report came to the house for vote about three days before March 1, when the president had proclaimed he would turn them back to private ownership. If this bill had not become the law the railroads could not have operated after March 1. If the bill, from a Democratic standpoint, is so bad, why did a Democratic president sign it and say it "marked a new era"? Does my opponent mean that he is in favor of government operation of railroads? He is silent on that subject. Government operation of the railroads cost the nation \$2,500,000,000, almost ruined the railroads and caused the present high rates. Mr. Olson's party is responsible for this and if he were in congress he would go along with his party in this matter. He says the Mack-Cummings bill guarantees certain earnings to the railroads; there is not a single provision of this act which amounts to a guarantee after Sept. 1, 1920. Finally, he says I stated that "the powers that be" made me vote for the conference report. This statement is a falsehood made from whole cloth.

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true or not trying to find out whether it was or not. He speaks of Rock Island arsenal. That institution has received more appropriations since I have been in office than it had in all the preceding years of its history and has today more men working and more appropriations for its use than any other arsenal of the United States.

Finally, Saturday evening on the streets of Moline and Rock Island, Mr. Olson viciously attacks me, claiming that certain cards sent out by the Republican county committee are being conducted by the Republican committee and without conference with me. But how is he concerned with what the Republicans do? Although on his campaign posters in Rock Island county he denies his political affiliations and poses as a non-partisan to catch the vote, he is a Democrat, a free trader, a defender of the Wilson League of Nations, and would oppose President Harding in every effort if he were elected.

On the streets, in the same meeting, he was assisted by one Charles McGowan, who insisted that the people support Olson. McGowan was a British subject until about three months ago, when he was taking steps to become an American citizen. Whether he is yet naturalized or not, I do not know. Of course he would be for my opponent and the Wilson League of Nations. His British affiliations are so recent as to legitimately lead to that conclusion. It would seem that if we were to be advised about our voting it would be by someone who had thought enough of our institutions to become a citizen of our country a little sooner. As for the district, it will go Republican by the heaviest plurality in its history. I think every county in it will go Republican. I am confident I will be reelected by the largest plurality I ever had. People do not want a Republican president and Democratic congress.

W. J. GRAHAM.

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Autoists Refusing Act That Is for Humanity Will Face Consequences, Mayor Says.

Harry T. Knox, conductor of the Knox undertaking establishment, has appealed to Mayor Harry M. Schriver for official action in protection of the public's right to an unobstructed ambulance service.

Mr. Knox sets forth that the Knox ambulance, recognized as the official city ambulance, is being pocketed in the traffic on downtown streets, and that on all other streets automobile drivers are refusing to give the ambulance the right-of-way.

Mr. Knox declared that the ambulance while carrying accident victims, who should be hurried to the hospital as fast as possible, has been held back, and that this condition of affairs serves only to endanger the lives of persons in dire need of medical attention.

Mayor Issues Strict Warning.

As the result of the complaint Mayor Harry M. Schriver issued notice that in the future all automobile drivers and others will either give the Knox ambulance, recognized as the official city ambulance, absolute right-of-way or face the consequences. The mayor declared that there is a city ordinance that demands that ambulances be given the right-of-way and that the ordinance is to be enforced to the letter. Any complaints received in the future will bring about the arrest and trial of any persons named as obstructing the right-of-way of the ambulance.

It is unthinkable that anyone would deliberately refuse to give an ambulance a clear street when on such action the life of some person may depend," the mayor said.

"In the future I want it understood that the ringing of the ambulance gong means that the right-of-way is to be cleared, and anyone not abiding by this order will be dealt with summarily."

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